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**PROHIBITION OF STUDENT USE OF PERSONAL INTERNET ENABLED DEVICES**

I. Statement of Policy

The Remsen Central School District (the District), in accordance with applicable law and regulations, has established this policy for the District-wide prohibition of student use of personal internet enabled devices during the school day.

The District will not be liable, and is not responsible for loss, theft, or damage to student personal electronic devices brought to school.

II. Definitions

- A. Personal Internet-Enabled Device - any smartphone, tablet, smartwatch, laptop or other electronic communication or computing device capable of connecting to the internet and enabling the user to access content on the internet, including, but not limited to, social media applications.

Internet-enabled devices supplied by the School District that are used for educational purposes are not included in this definition.

- B. School day - the entire instructional day, during all instructional and non-instructional time, including but not limited to homeroom periods, lunch, recess, study halls, and passing times.

- C. School grounds - in or on or within any building, structure, athletic playing field, playground, or land contained within the real property boundary line of a district elementary, intermediate, junior high, vocational, or high school, a charter school, or a board of cooperative educational services facility.

III. Prohibition of Personal Internet-Enabled Devices in School

The use of Personal Internet-Enabled Devices, or any other personal electronic communication device, by students during the school day (from the start of the school day until dismissal) anywhere on school grounds is prohibited.

IV. Exceptions

- A. This Policy is not violated when students are authorized to use a Personal Internet-Enabled Device in the following situation(s):

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1. The student has been authorized by the Building Principal to use a Personal Internet-Enabled Device for a specific educational purpose; during instructional time;
2. Where the use is necessary to manage the student's healthcare, not otherwise achieved by use of a District internet enabled device;
3. In the event of an emergency;
4. Where the use of an Internet-Enabled Device is part of the student's Individual Education Plan (IEP) or 504 Plan, not otherwise achieved by use of a District Internet Enabled Device;
5. Where it is needed for translation purposes, not otherwise achieved by use of a District Internet Enabled Device;
6. On a case-by-case basis, upon review and determination by the Building Principal after consultation with the school psychologist, school social worker, and/or school counselor, for a student caregiver who is routinely responsible for the care and wellbeing of a family member; or
7. Where otherwise required by law.

#### V. Consequences for Violations of this Policy

- A. The consequences for violation(s) of this Policy will be consistent with the Code of Conduct and subject to applicable law and regulations. However, the suspension of a student is not permitted if the sole grounds for the suspension is that the student accessed a Personal Internet-Enabled Device in violation of this Policy.
- B. **Confiscation**  
Personal Internet-Enabled Devices or any personal electronic communication devices used in violation of this Policy and/or the Code of Conduct will be confiscated by staff and turned into the Building Principal to be kept in a secure storage area. Devices will be returned pursuant to the procedures outlined in the District Code of Conduct.

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#### VI. Contact During the School Day

Parents/Persons in parental relation may contact their student(s) during the school day in the following manner:

**Principal's Office** for general matters (or for all matters):

Jr./Sr. High School Office: (315) 205-4300 x.5236

Elementary School Office: (315) 205-4300 x.4223

**Nurse's Office** for calls related to a student's medical/attendance needs:

Jr./Sr. High School Nurse: (315) 205-4300 x.5206

Elementary Nurse: (315) 205-4300 x.4230

**School Counselor's Guidance Office**

Jr./Sr. High School Counselor Office: (315) 205-4300 x.5212

Elementary School Counselor Office: (315) 205-4300 x.4451

**Athletic Director's Office**

Athletic Director Office: (315) 205-4300 x.5112

Students may contact their parent(s) during the school day in the following manner:

#### **Elementary Students**

With teacher permission, student will report to the main office or to the nurse's office for assistance in reaching home.

#### **Jr./Sr. High School Students**

With teacher permission, student will report to the main office or to the nurse's office for assistance in reaching home.

#### VII. Storing of Students' Personal Internet-Enabled Devices

Students' Personal Internet-Enabled Devices, or any other student electronic communication devices must be kept in student lockers from the start of the school day through and until dismissal. At no time should the students' Personal Internet-Enabled Devices or other electronic communication devices be on their person (e.g. pockets, book bag) or used during the school day as defined in section II.B above.

#### VIII. Implementation

The Superintendent or their designee shall develop any Regulations or internal procedures that may be necessary to implement this Policy.

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#### IX. Required Notifications

- A. A copy of this Policy shall be posted in a clearly visible and accessible location on the District website.
- B. The District shall provide a translation of this Policy upon request of a student or parent/person in parental relation in accordance with the law.
- C. Parents/Persons in Parental Relation will be notified in writing of the methods they can use to contact their student(s) during the school day, as outlined in Section VI of this Policy. This notification will occur at the beginning of each school year on the District Calendar and on the District Webpage, and upon enrollment.

#### X. Annual Reporting

On September 1, 2026, and every September 1 thereafter, the District shall publish, on its website, an annual report that details the enforcement of this Policy during the prior school year. This report must include:

- A. Non-identifiable demographic data of students who have faced disciplinary action for non-compliance with this Policy.
- B. An analysis of any demographic disparities in enforcement.
- C. If a statistically significant disparate enforcement impact is identified, such report shall include a mitigation action plan.

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Legal Ref: NYS Education Law §2803

Cross Ref: 1004 Code of Conduct; 7036 Athletic Code of Conduct; 5401 Purpose Use and Administration of District Digital Information Systems

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